

USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region

Outreach Notice Modoc National Forest



2015 Fall Centralized Fire Hire Numerous Fire Positions (Modoc National Forest)

The Modoc National Forest will soon be filling **Numerous Fire Positions (listed in the table below)**, with duty locations of Alturas, Adin, Canby, Cedarville and Tulelake, California. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective and interested applicants of this upcoming opportunity. Please see the following information on the positions and the Modoc National Forest.

Announcements for these positions will **open on August 12, 2015**

To apply for any of these positions:

- 1) Go to USAJOBS (must set up and have a USAJOBS profile) <https://www.usajobs.gov/>
 - a. Search/locate the announcement number;
 - b. Select position(s) and location(s) you are interested in and begin the application process.
- 2) Complete and submit your application prior to 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) **September 11, 2015**

Candidates are encouraged to read the announcement thoroughly to ensure you are applying to the correct announcement, as some position titles appear similar.

Applicants will need to attach any required supporting documents (IQMS Master Record, DD-214, etc.)

The following positions are the known vacancies:

Position	REGIONAL GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBERS	Duty Location
Supv Forestry Tech/Wildland Fire Ops Specialist	15-FIRE-R5FALL-DZAFMH-89	1 Tulelake 1 Adin
Forestry Technician Fire Engine Operator (FEO) GS-0462-07	15-FIRE-R5FALL-FEOH-7	2 Adin
Lead Forestry Technician Assistant Fire Engine Operator (AFEO) GS-0462-06	15-FIRE-R5FALL-AFEO-6	1 Canby 1 Cedarville
Forestry Technician (Prevention) Prev & Initial Attack GS-462-6/7	15-FIRE-R5FALL- PREV-67	1 Cedarville
Forestry Aid/Technician Wildland Fire Apprentices GS-462-3/4/5	15-FIRE-R5FALL- WFAP-345	1 Cedarville 3 Adin

Candidates are encouraged to apply to any position/location on the Forest, whether a vacancy exists or not. Positions that become vacant during this process may also be filled immediately through a "back filling" process.

Possible back fill positions include all of the positions above and the positions listed below:

Position	REGIONAL GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBERS	Duty Location
Forestry Technician (Dispatcher) Asst Center Manager	15-FIRE-R5FALL-IADSP-89	Alturas

IA Dispatcher/Initial Attack	15-FIRE-R5FALL-IADSP-567	Alturas
Fire Mgmt Specialist (Prescribed Fire and Fuels)	15-FIRE-R5FALL-DFUEL-9	Alturas, Adin, Cedarville, Tulelake
Forestry Technician (Fuels)/ Fuels Specialist AFMO	15-FIRE-R5FALL- DFUEL-89	Alturas, Adin, Cedarville, Tulelake0
Forestry Technician (Fire)/District Fuels Technician	15-FIRE-R5FALL- DFUEL-67	Alturas, Adin, Cedarville, Tulelake
Supv Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator)/SFE0	15-FIRE-R5FALL-SFEOH-78	Alturas, Adin, Canby, Cedarville, Tulelake
Supervisory Forestry Technician/IHC Superintendent	15-FIRE-R5FALL-IHCSUPT-9	Canby
Supervisory Forestry Technician/IHC Asst Superintendent	15-FIRE-R5FALL-IHCAST-78	Canby
Forestry Technician (Squad Leader)	15-FIRE-R5FALL-IHCSQL-67	Canby
Engineering Equipment Operator/Fire Dozer	15-FALL-R5FALL-EQOPTR-10	Adin

For position information applicants can contact:

Supervisory Forestry Technician/Wildland Fire Ops Specialist:

Adin/Tulelake	Jebediah Koons	530-667-8641	jebediahkoons@fs.fed.us
Alturas/Cedarville	Albert Savage	530-233-8852	albertsavage@fs.fed.us

Engine, Prevention, Fuels and Dozer Positions:

Alturas	John Toomey	530-233-8874	jptoomey@fs.fed.us
Adin	Jebediah Koons	530-667-8641	jebediahkoons@fs.fed.us
Canby	John Toomey	530-233-8874	jptoomey@fs.fed.us
Cedarville	John Toomey	530-233-8874	jptoomey@fs.fed.us
Tulelake	Jebediah Koons	530-667-8641	jebediahkoons@fs.fed.us

Hotshot Positions:

Canby	Willie Almand	530-233-7953	waland@fs.fed.us
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Center Manager and Dispatch Positions:

Alturas	Mark Main	530-233-8885	markrmain@fs.fed.us
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ABOUT THE FOREST:

The Modoc National Forest, situated in extreme northeastern California, boasts an ecologically diverse landscape. It is a land of contrasts, with ecosystems ranging from pine and fir dominated mountains to high desert plateaus covered with sage brush and juniper. It is one of the largest national forests in California at about 1.68 million acres. Administratively it is managed from the Forest Supervisor's Office in Alturas and two zones encompassing four ranger districts with offices in Adin, Tulelake, Alturas and Cedarville. The climate also exhibits contrasts, with average high temperatures in July being 88 degrees and average lows in January in the teens. With the average annual precipitation being about 12 inches there is an abundance of days with clear blue skies. Elevations range from 9,892 feet at Eagle Peak atop the Warner Mountains to 4,000 feet in the valleys.

The Fire program on the Modoc consists of ten type III engines, one type II water tender, and one type I Hotshot crew. Fire occurrence on the forest on a ten year average is 95 fires with 3511 acres burned. The forest and other Federal agencies in the area have an active prescribed fire program, for 2011 there were 18,919 acres of prescribed fire accomplished.

The Forest manages a variety of programs, including wildlife, vegetation, range, recreation, minerals, wilderness, special uses, heritage, watershed, fuels and fire suppression. Specialists working here include botanists, foresters, wildlife and fishery biologists, archaeologists, range conservationists, engineers, fire and fuels managers, business management and public relations professionals. These specialists work on a variety of challenging issues including: sage steppe restoration, wildhorse territory management, the largest rangeland management program in Region 5, managing fire across the landscape, and landscape scale restoration.

The Forest is primarily situated in beautiful Modoc County. With a population of about 10,000 the County is among the

most rural in California. It borders Oregon to the north and Nevada to the east. Alturas is the County Seat and location of the Forest Supervisor's Office, and is about 3 ¼ hours (170 miles) from Reno, NV; 2 ¾ hours (145 miles) from Redding, CA; and 1 ¾ hours (98) miles from Klamath Falls, OR. All these cities offer major shopping opportunities and Reno and Redding offer airport services. There is a medical clinic in Alturas with major medical services available in Reno and Redding.

While the key to real estate is location, location, location; for many who come and stay on the Modoc the key is lifestyle, lifestyle, lifestyle. The Modoc lifestyle has much to offer, being more rural and remote. A slower pace offers a welcome relief from the "hustle and bustle" of urban life. The nights are quiet and peaceful, and with minimal light pollution the sky is full of stars. There are ample recreational opportunities, including fishing and hunting, that are uncrowded. There is strong community support and the local community is interested and involved in Forest programs. If you are looking for a place that offers a low stress lifestyle and safe community, the Modoc is for you.

Information on the Modoc National Forest and community is available on these sites:

- Modoc National Forest website: <http://fs.usda.gov/modoc/>
- Modoc Record (newspaper): <http://www.modocrecord.com/>
- Modoc National Forest Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Forest-Service-Modoc-National-Forest/624840120965582>
- Modoc schools: <http://www.modoccoe.k12.ca.us/>
- Alturas, CA information: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Alturas-California.html>
- Alturas Chamber of Commerce, 522 S. Main Street, Alturas, CA 96101. Telephone is 530-222-4433; and, FAX 530-222-4434, or visit their website at www.alturaschamber.org/

About the Communities:

Alturas: The Supervisor's office is located in Alturas, CA, which has a population of 3000, and is the county seat of Modoc County. Alturas is a full service community with a hospital, doctors, public schools, businesses, and recreational facilities. The cost of living is reasonable. Home costs range from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Rentals for 2-3 bedrooms are approximately \$300-\$500. The public school system provides instruction for grades K-12 and offers numerous extra-curricular activities. Additionally, the Lassen College Extension Office offers a variety of night courses. Alturas also has various churches representing many denominations.

Adin: Adin is a rural northeast California community of about 280 people and is located in the heart of beautiful Big Valley. Big Valley consists of four small towns Adin, Bieber, Lookout and NuBieber. Surrounded by picturesque mountain peaks, there are many captivating views of Mt. Shasta and Mount Lassen that can be seen from the area. Modoc and Lassen Counties boast a distinctively rural atmosphere that includes forested plateaus, green mountains, snow-capped peaks, and vast open agricultural valleys.

With two major state Highway's running through it Hwy 299 and 139, it's easy to get to major cities such as Redding 94, Reno 160, and Klamath Falls 97.

The climate in Big Valley is characterized by four distinct seasons, with an average summer high of 93 and an average low in the winter of 28. Snowfall averaging ten inches per year is normal for the valley areas with more abundant amounts falling in the higher regions.

http://www.bigvalleychamber.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1&Itemid=1

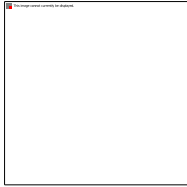
Canby: Canby California is a small ranching community nestled in the North Eastern portion of the state. It is approximately 20 miles west of Alturas, CA and 80 miles south of Klamath Falls, Oregon. Larger populations centers include Redding, CA (120 miles), Medford, OR (155 miles) and Reno NV (175 miles).

Cedarville: Cedarville is home to 800 residents and is located 24 miles east of Alturas. The amenities include grocery stores, post office, gasoline station, restaurant, library, gift shop and other small businesses. Housing is relatively inexpensive. Home prices range from \$50,000 to \$90,000, while rentals for 2-3 bedrooms are \$400-\$700 monthly. Popular local community activities include the Fort Bidwell BBQ, Super Bull event, Surprise Valley Rotary Fly-in Breakfast, Eagleville BBQ, Country Hearth Art Show & Sale, Modoc County Last Frontier Fair, Thom's Creek Ranch "Fall Gathering & Harvest Fair," and the Modoc Frontier Christmas Fair. Recreational activities include hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, rock collecting, snowmobiles, snow and water skiing, and bird watching. For more information, contact:

<http://surprisevalleychamber.com/> Greater Surprise Valley Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 518, Cedarville, CA 96104-0518; 530-279-2001; FAX 530-279-2012

Tulelake: The Doublehead Ranger District Office is located in Tulelake, CA. Tulelake is a farming community with a population of 1000, which is situated at an elevation of 4,034 feet. The climate is mild with rainfall averaging 11 inches per year. The town has a post office, grocery store, which also serves as a gasoline station, hardware store, automobile parts stores, a satellite Department of Motor Vehicles office, restaurant, fast food stand, a small medical clinic, and county library office. The public schools provide instruction from kindergarten through high school. Tulelake is also located six miles from Merrill, Oregon, which is a small thriving community with amenities, while Klamath Falls, Oregon is the nearest big city 25 miles north of Tulelake, CA. In Klamath Falls there are the large shopping opportunities at Bi-Mart, Wal-Mart, Fred Meyer, malls, banks, law offices, medical centers, hospital, community and technical colleges, public schools, restaurants, art galleries, museums, marina, movie theater, train station, bus terminal, and other businesses.

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM



Please submit outreach response to the contacts listed above for the position or positions you are interested in, on or before **August 17, 2015**.
Modoc National Forest

NAME:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: {USFS {BLM {OTHER

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: {PERMANENT {TEMPORARY {TERM
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CURRENT: {POSITION TITLE

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS OUTREACH NOTICE?

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- ☐ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- ☐ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- ☐ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
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